



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

April 19, 2022



ADMINISTRATION:

- Town Administrator (TA) Greg Johnson encourages the public [to subscribe](#) to the regular newsletter edited by Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Megan Zammuto that highlights current and future projects, new businesses and upcoming public meetings.
- TA Johnson, ATA Zammuto and Human Resources (HR) Manager Stephanie Duggan attended a Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association (MMMA) / MM Human Resources (MMHR) meeting on April 14, 2022. The meeting included a presentation on the topic of exploring birth-order as it relates to personalities, collaboration and tasking. The meeting also included a moderated discussion on civility in city/town halls.
- TA Johnson and HR Manager Duggan continue negotiations with the unions for Fire Fighters, Professionals (Department Heads), Public Works Laborers, and personnel contracts for Director of Public Works, Fire Chief, and Assistant Town Administrator.
- While an interim Town Clerk is sought, applications are being received for the position of full time Town Clerk.
- On April 14 and 15, 2022, ATA Zammuto hosted businesses to discuss downtown beautification and marketing efforts as we work together to bring folks downtown this spring.
- TA Johnson will join fellow members of the Green Meadow School Building Committee for a community meeting for the public to learn about and share thoughts on a new or renovated school project on April 27th at 7:00PM on Zoom.
- TA Johnson, DPW Director DeMarco and the Maynard Public Schools Superintendent's Office continue discussions with Beacon Integrated Solutions' Beth Greenblatt, solar energy facilities consultant, to consider services from Solect Energy and the installation of arrays on town and school property. We are expecting to present to the School Committee in the coming weeks.
- Town facilities staff is collaborating with Schools building staff in preparation for the local election scheduled for May 3, 2022, and the Annual Town Meeting on May 16, 2022, both to be held in the Fowler School.
- TA Johnson joined other members of the Fire Station Building Committee on April 7, 2022, to tour the under-construction new fire station on Sudbury Street.



PUBLIC WORKS:

- Highlighting a few projects involving DPW and community partners:

A recent Eagle Scout project led by Patrick Crossland focused on “Ice House Landing”. The Scout’s efforts focused on cleaning and rehabilitation of the town’s public kayak boat launch into the Assabet River. Remaining work to be accomplished includes invasive species vegetation removal, and walking path restoration.

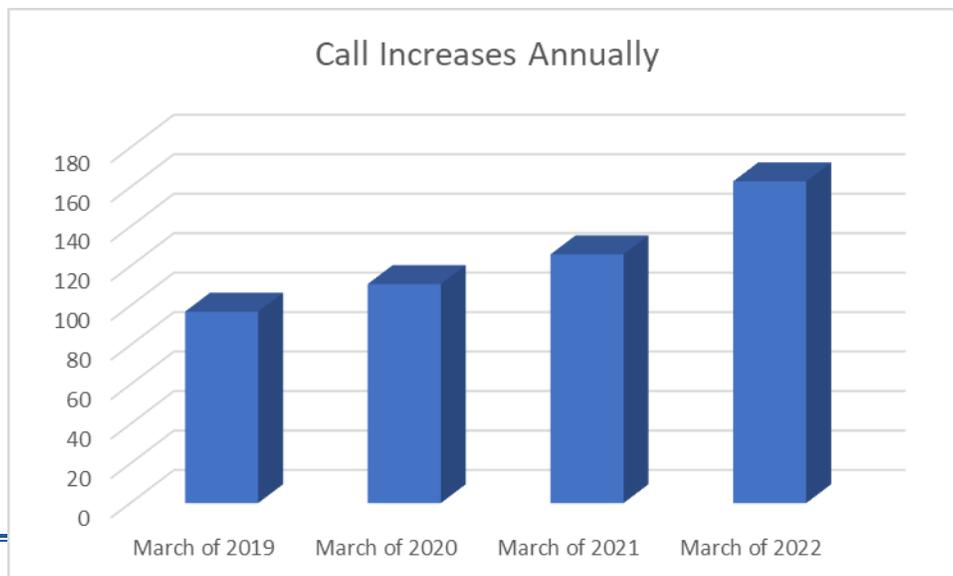


- As the winter season starts to come to a close, the Department of Public works is still focused on the defects caused by the winter season. Roadway repairs are still our highest priority, and will be for the next several weeks. We have performed infrared asphalt repairs along Summer Street, and will continue to identify high profile repair locations.



FIRE DEPARTMENT:

In March, the Maynard Fire Department responded to 163 emergency requests for services. This is compared to 123 emergency requests for service in March 2021, 111 in March of 2020, and 97 in March 2019. We continue to see a rise in emergency call volume compared to last year.



We have continued issuing permits and reviewing plans for fire prevention. In March, we had 128 fire prevention-related activities, including inspections. The majority of our inspection requests continue to be handled by the on-duty captain in addition to their other duties and increased call volume.

The Maynard Fire Department conducted 53 training sessions in March.

We had 123 maintenance-related activities in March, including continued care required to keep the current boiler at the fire station in operation.

I would like to recognize Firefighter Mark Tomyl for his outstanding work with Maynard High School to develop a fire safety video. All videos submitted were judged by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, and Maynard won first prize! Mark worked with students from Mr. Ogden's class at Maynard High School!

The construction of the new fire station is now behind due to supply chain issues. The General Contractor and our Owners Project Manager are working with subcontractors and suppliers to try and work on a solution. The building is taking shape for everyone to see as they travel through town. To date, there have not been any major changes to the project.

Chief Stowers has returned to his duties full-time.